

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 26 with the following replacement paragraph:

--German Published Patent Application No. 196 24 41 describes a method which avoids these disadvantages. A V-shaped groove is removed from the panel, mechanically or using a heating sword, and the panel is bent by guiding the lateral side pieces of the groove together. In this case, not only is the work effort considerable. If the groove is produced by melting using the heating sword, the shape of the groove and therewith also the bending angle are predefined of necessity by the shape of the heating sword. The possibility of ~~(implementing)~~ implementing variations according to current requirements can here no longer be realized, especially not if the need for a different opening angle is only recognized during the bending ~~(procedure)~~ procedure--.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 33 with the following replacement paragraph:

--Further, after bending, the bending element may be moved out of the workpiece so that the gap created in the workpiece by pushing in the bending element is sealed together again. The ~~work piece~~ workpiece may be stressed again without further ~~aftertreatment~~ after-treatment--.